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LUBBOCK TO HAVE BATTERY OF FIELD ARTILLERY ORGANIZED

SPIRITED MEETING HELD—MORE THAN A DOZEN ENLISTMENTS RECEIVED AND STILL COMING IN

O. L. PETERMAN TO COMMAND BATTERY

Payroll and Other Expense Bills to be Paid in Lubbock—Will Release a Great Deal of Money Here as Home Firm Will be Patronized—Drill Work Will Start Soon.

Major Claude A. Adams has been in Lubbock the past three days organizing a battery of light field artillery in Lubbock, the most enthusiastic meeting of the week being held at the Justice Courtroom here Wednesday evening when more than a dozen local men signed applications for membership in the battery.

O. L. Peterman, well known Lubbock man, whose war record as an officer in the field artillery branch is well known and appreciated by his friends here, was unanimously elected Captain of the Battery, and three subordinate officers will be elected after the organization is complete.

It is hard for us all to realize the immense advantage the organization of this battery is to Lubbock. The Federal Government is organizing these batteries of civilians as a part of their plan of economical defense instead of maintaining a large standing army which has proven such a burden to the taxpayers of the country.

Forty horses and four pieces of artillery, either the French 75 millimeter guns or the three-inch American guns will be issued to the battery here.

The horses will be well equipped with new harness, and all the other paraphernalia common to the use and the men will be issued two full uniforms, summer and winter use, will be equipped with new guns and other equipment.

Five men will be on full pay and will be in charge of the horses, the army to be rented in the most favorable location, and a practice field will also be rented. Major Adams pointed out that so long as the necessities for carrying on the work could be bought of local firms it would be, which, together with the payroll, will add greatly to the amount of money to be put into circulation in Lubbock.

One and a half hours will be spent each week in drill, and the men will be on full day pay for that period. It was pointed out that the officers must have sixty percent of their men at each drill period if they receive pay. In case drill period is not called and a soldier reports for duty his time is given him just the same, so there is no red tape whereby the men can lose time if they only do their part, regardless of the order of things.

The payroll to fifty men at the allotted pay for the four days per month will be approximately two hundred and fifty dollars, the officers will receive full salaries for the time spent, and the five permanent employed men will receive four hundred and thirty-five dollars, making a total of approximately one thousand dollars, the rental on the army will amount to a great deal within a year, and the necessary food, etc., will amount to a neat sum—all to be spent within the city of Lubbock.

We must not overlook the good it will do the young men also, close relationship in this manner will cement friendship between them and their officers which will be a great factor in accomplishing things for Lubbock.

If you are interested in this matter get in touch with Captain Peterman at once and get lined up with the boys. A regular old style army life can be given the man who gets into this thing with the right spirit, and he will be glad of the opportunity to mix and mingle with his fellow soldiers.

WHY WE ARE LATE

We regret it as much or more than anybody else, but we simply could not help it. Our standing order of a couple of tons of news paper each month failed to arrive in time to make connection with our February supply, and we could not get any at Plainview, so had to wait for a shipment to be expressed this morning from The Sweetwater Reporter at Sweetwater, which delays us nearly 24 hours. We have additional express shipments coming, and hope that there will be no further delays.

H. C. Duering to Be New Postmaster in Lubbock Office

Information has been received here that Dr. H. C. Duering has been recommended to the United States Senate for confirmation as postmaster for the Lubbock postoffice. It has been known for some time that Dr. Duering was likely to receive the appointment, but nothing definite was known about it until the information came that his name was being sent to the senate for confirmation, after which the appointment will be made and the doctor will receive his commission.

It will be some weeks yet, however, before he will be checked in as postmaster here, as it takes quite a bit of time to get all the needed stamps and other things.

Mr. Robbins, the present postmaster, has been in that office a little less than nine years, having taken charge of the office on the first of July, 1913. The business here has had a constant growth, and last year the business of the Lubbock postoffice increased more than \$1600 in receipts over 1920. Mr. Robbins has promised us an authentic statement of the developments in the postal line in Lubbock during the past nine years, which will be a very interesting story of the growth of Lubbock, and we will publish same at some near future date.

Texas Farmers Are Diversifying More Than Heretofore

Fully 9,000 farmers of West and Northwest Texas have heard the message of crop diversification and have pledged co-operation, according to John T. Orr, president of the Texas Farm Bureau Federation, who returned Saturday from a week's tour of that section of the State. Mr. Orr said that the continued drought has prevented much of the small grain planted last fall from sprouting and that in many instances the land will have to be planted to some other crop, but that in every town visited the farmers expressed great interest in the campaign and were enthusiastic in pledging support.

Mr. Orr was accompanied by E. F. Shropshire, secretary of the United Campaign for Better Agriculture. An average of three speeches were made each day on some phase of the situation and the trip was in the nature of an accounting of the federation stewardship and a report on the accomplishments of the year. Talks were made at Stamford, Abilene, Merck, Paducah, Quanah and Memphis. Mr. Orr said that the smallest crowd at any of the meetings was 200 and that at Merck and Abilene more than 1,000 farmers were present at each meeting.

Mr. Orr said that the tendency of the farmers was for the planting of food and feed crops on the grain lands instead of a larger acreage of cotton.

NICE HOME BURNED WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The beautiful five-room home of B. C. Clutter on 14th street, two blocks west of the High School building was destroyed by fire Wednesday afternoon, about two o'clock. The building had not been completed but about three months, and was occupied by the Clutter family. Mrs. Clutter was visiting with a neighbor in the adjoining residence and the flames were from under control when discovered.

It was believed to have caught from the wiring.

LUBBOCK TO HAVE TWO BANDS THIS SUMMER

Music lovers in Lubbock will have the opportunity to hear concerts of two bands. Prof. G. A. Wright is making good speed in getting his Boys and Girls Booster Band in shape, and the original Lubbock Band, instructed by Monte Bowen, is getting in fine shape for the spring and summer work.

The band stand at the court house has been repaired and will accommodate the bands, the lawn is in good shape, and no doubt will be the scene of many concerts throughout the coming spring and summer. Good towns, good music and good citizens are the main elements in making community life what it ought to be, and Lubbock has them all.

W. F. Schenck Is Appointed District Att'y. At Graham

Austin, March 1.—Governor Neff announced Wednesday afternoon the appointment of Judge W. F. Schenck of Graham, Young County to be district attorney of the Thirtieth District Court of Wichita Falls. Judge Schenck was formerly an assistant attorney general of Texas. Judge Schenck has for several years been a resident of Lubbock, but moved to Graham recently to engage in the practice of law and do some special work for companies with which he was connected. His many friends will be pleased to know of his appointment to this position, which no doubt is a very prominent one. It is not known, however, whether he has formerly accepted the appointment.

Principal in the Floyd County Killing May Live

Plainview, March 1.—Houston Upton, the young man who is in the hospital at Floydada suffering from a self-inflicted gun shot wound, was still alive late Wednesday and the physicians say he has a fighting chance to live. Upton was found in a school house, in the Sunset community in Floyd County, early Monday morning, following the fatal shooting during Sunday night of two young girls while asleep in the home of one of the girls. Upton was in a serious condition when found, a bullet having been fired into his body just below the heart and cutting one lung and one kidney.

RALLS MAN KILLS SELF AT HIS HOME THERE THURSDAY AT 1:40—CAUSE NOT ASCERTAINED

W. P. Parker, of Ralls, committed suicide at his home there Wednesday at 1:40 o'clock, a thirty-eight caliber pistol was used, and the man died instantly.

Mr. Parker was well known on the plains, was in business in Lubbock, Littlefield and at Ralls, and established firm friendship with people in these places.

It is not known at this time what caused the act, as his son, Bud, who was in Lubbock yesterday making arrangements for the funeral, stated that his father was not in debt, and had no trouble of any kind, and also, was in fairly good health.

He leaves nine children, a wife and other relatives, he has a sister residing in Lubbock. Mrs. J. W.

Perkins, who are joined by many friends in regretting this horrible incident.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Church of Christ, on 12th street here, tomorrow at 10 a. m.

Horner, a son who lives in Fort Worth has not been heard from at this time, and whether he will be here for the funeral is not known. Another son, Jesse, of Kansas City, left there Thursday night enroute to Lubbock.

The Parker family is recognized as one of the most energetic and worthy families on the plains, and it is indeed regrettable that the father should come to an untimely death under such horrifying circumstances.

JAMES A. LOWRY GIVES UNIQUE LIBRARY TO M'MURRY COLLEGE; REPRESENTS 50 YEARS' WORK

President J. W. Hunt of McMurry College, Abilene was recently presented, in behalf of the college, with one of the most remarkable libraries ever compiled.

Hundreds of volumes are comprised in this library, which is unique not only for its contents but for its composition.

It is a library of clippings—clippings from magazines, newspapers, pamphlets and every other printed medium of expression.

The gift was from James A. Lowry, of Abilene, oldtime newspaper man, and it represents practically fifty years of ceaseless labor. The books are classified under such titles as Short Story, Household, Miscellany, Temperance, Short Sermon, Children's Reading, Humor, Comic Pictures, Poems, Special, War Topics, Newspapers and the various holidays and anniversaries.

Everything under the sun has a place in this library. Nothing has escaped the loving scissors and paste pot of Mr. Lowry, whose literary taste is far above the average. He roved through newspapers and magazines, seeking for the best works of literature and when he found something which his judgment pronounced good, he would clip it out and later paste it into some book kept for the purpose. As the years passed the number of these volumes grew, until it would require a good sized truck to handle the library now.

It would take a solid month of examination to appraise this library at its real worth. No casual inspection could give one a fitting appreciation of its immensity and its uniqueness. Despite failing eyesight, Mr. Lowry kept at his task day after day and night after night, building up with loving care this monument to his literary taste and discernment.

Will Be Catalogued

"When McMurry College gets started I am going to have the Lowry library classified and catalogued," said President Hunt recently, in speaking of the gift. "I consider it one of the most worthwhile gifts an institution of this kind ever received. It is a complete history of the human race for fifty years, half a century of some of the most momentous periods in the world's history."

"To show you its worth in only one instance, I will cite my own case. For months I had been racking my own library and other libraries for a certain poem first published about twenty years ago. My search was fruitless. After Mr. Lowry delivered his library to me, almost the first volume I examined contained this poem."

Included in the library are complete files of the Taylor County News of which Mr. Lowry for many years was editor. These files contain a moving history of Taylor county from its early days.

There are several volumes containing nothing but references to the Fourth of July and several of which cover Thanksgiving festivities completely. Every other great holiday and anniversary is similarly

treated. There are volumes of the best editorials clipped from newspapers over a period of many years—which would be priceless to a man writing history. Short stories of O. Henry and R. L. Stevenson, to say nothing of other great masters of literature, are shown in the original form in which they appeared.

It is estimated that to duplicate this history would require ten years of a man's time, working eight hours per day.—Abilene Reporter.

Information With Regard Redemption of Victory Notes

Desiring to be of service to its readers, many of whom own Victory Notes, the following information is presented by The Avalanche with reference to the June 15, 1922 call by the Treasury for 3-4 Victory Notes, and the temporary redemption privilege relative to Victory 4 3-4s.

Inquiries indicate there has been some misunderstanding on the part of the public.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon has called Victory 3-4 Notes for redemption at par and accrued interest June 15, 1922. After June 15, these bonds, because they have been called, will bear no interest. It is to the owner's advantage to surrender them at this time, or any time before par plus accrued interest, and reinvest the proceeds. For reinvestment, the U. S. Government Savings Organization at Dallas has suggested the New Issue of Treasury Savings Certificates which are to be had at post offices or through banks in \$1,000, \$100 and \$25, maturity value, denominations, costing, respectively, \$800, \$80 and \$20.

These are registered in the owner's name when they are purchased and are lost proof as well as depreciation or market fluctuation proof. They mature five years from date of purchase; bear 4 1-2 per cent, compounded semi-annually, if held to maturity. Over a period of five years they yield 25 per cent on the investment. They are cashable at the purchaser's option before maturity. Ownership limit is \$5,000, maturity value.

Until March 15, the Treasury has authorized the Federal Reserve Banks to receive 4 3-4 Victory Notes from owners who desire to sell to the Government at par plus accrued interest. If held after that time, unless the purchase period is extended, the 4 3-4 Victory Notes will run on till maturity, which is May 23, 1923. Those who desire may take advantage of this temporary period and convert their bonds into cash. Reinvestment in Treasury Savings Certificates of the new issue has been recommended.

Ralph Bedford, assistant cashier of the Lubbock State Bank, spent last week end in Amarillo visiting.

JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS INTERESTING MEETING TUES.

PLANS FOR PUTTING OVER BANQUET FOR TRAVELING SALESMEN MARCH 11th WERE DISCUSSED

FIELD ARTILLERY IN LUBBOCK ENCOURAGED

Organization of the Battery Approved by the Entire Membership—Termed an Asset to the Development of Lubbock and as Entertainment for the Young Men of Organization.

Wholesale Houses Puts Branch Office in Snyder

Snyder, Feb. 28.—Snyder has successfully avoided the business depression that has been reported in other parts of the state and bids fair to take her place with larger places in the industrial campaign of 1922.

Many new and substantial firms and industries have located here since the first of the year, among them the Puett Drug Company, and a branch house of the Lubbock Produce Company.

Brown and Keiner have installed a wholesale grocery house and their coffee roasting and packing plant is practically ready for business. Work on the Hamer & Smith Tannery, on the edge of the city, is being rushed and the owners are pulling for an early completion as they are overwhelmed with orders and new ones keep piling in. The Snyder Utilities Corporation has secured a re-icing contract from the Roscoe, Snyder & Pacific Railway Company and have increased the ice output to take care of the added demand. This same company is at present constructing a cold storage plant, that, when completed will compare favorably with similar plants in the big cities.

Kiwanis Club Held Its Second Luncheon Thursday

K. Carter hit the nail on the head at the Thursday luncheon when he said the Lubbock Kiwanis Club would not have to develop its speakers, as it was his opinion that among the membership were a few well learned in that art, which was proven when Charlie Ferguson, Marcy Dupre and George Foster had finished their five minute talks. These fellows are hard hitters and know how to keep a crowd in a laughing mood. They have the regular Kiwanis style down pat, as was well demonstrated.

Raleigh Brown, accompanied by Mrs. Ed Robinson rendered two beautiful saxophone numbers, which were appreciated to the fullest extent.

Poor old Rye, the fellow who is picked on just because he is so well liked by the entire bunch was forgotten in the scramble to get the crowd introduced, and proved that he had not forgotten that well executed bow, so well learned by the schoolboy orator. That he knew how to show the crowd a good time was proven in the program, which was greatly due to his efforts.

Jed Rotary Rix was present as a guest of one of the members, and we had the opportunity to pass the buck to him when it came time to make some important announcements, good old boy, he took it in the right manner and did a good job of the announcements.

Raymond Barrier and C. C. Pearson were on the job, making good use of their knowledge of the hand-shaking art.

Kiwanis in Lubbock is growing. Let's go.

Weather Report For the Month of February

The following is summary of the weather conditions prevailing during the month of February, 1922:
Maximum temperature, 80 deg.
Minimum temperature, 7 deg.
Mean temperature, 43.78 deg.
Departure from normal, .01 deg.
Maximum Relative Humidity, 87.5 per cent.
Minimum Relative Humidity, 22.5 per cent.
Mean Relative Humidity, 59.07 per cent.
Total wind run for month, 6262 miles.
Normal wind run for February, 5859 miles.
Departure from normal, 343 miles.
Total evaporation, 3,138 inches.
Number of clear days, 13.
Number of cloudy days, 9.
Total precipitation for February, .30 inches.
Departure from normal, .87 inch.
Total precipitation from January 1 to March 1, 1922, .54 inches.
R. E. Karper, Supt. Experiment Station.

And wasn't it a live one. That bunch is just getting ready to begin work from all appearances, even if they have accomplished a great deal in the past, and that meeting at the Manhattan Cafe Tuesday noon proved that they are getting stronger the further they go—the Junior Chamber of Commerce bunch.

Secretary Keen is quoted to have said that the Junior Chamber of Commerce has everything to finish that the Senior Chamber starts and we believe the president of the highest crowd was right when he said it was well to have someone around to start things.

The possibilities of placing a battery of Calvary here was discussed by Major Adams, who pointed out that the Federal Government is placing these companies in the various towns in West Texas without donations or extra attractions to the companies and stressed the fact that it would be an asset to Lubbock and in no wise a liability. He pointed out that forty calvary trained horses would be brought here for the use of the men, that fifty men and four officers would be enlisted from Lubbock, and that the drill periods would be placed in such manner as to not interfere with the young men's work. In another place in this issue can be found later developments of this work. Secretary Keen of the Chamber of Commerce is awake and on the job of getting this company in Lubbock, and will enlist the assistance of other live wires in the town to care for this work.

Prof. Mowery, instructor of the Animal Husbandry Class in the high school, was called on to explain how the Lubbock boys won the Canyon Contests, and in a brief way outlined the manner in which the contests were conducted, and about the biggest thing he had to talk about was the fact that as individuals the four boys were outstanding characters in the work, and as a team proved themselves champions for West Texas by winning over the other teams by one hundred and twenty-six points. Mr. Mowery is an alert instructor, and the Lubbock high school is fortunate to have him teach Animal Husbandry, as even the boys admit that a great part of the success of the team is attributed to Mr. Mowery's close application to the work. The entire body of the Junior Chamber of Commerce gave approval and applause to his work, and all realize the good the reputation that class is making will do for Lubbock.

The Lubbock Peerless Quartet started their part of the program with a beautifully rendered song, and when called back by popular demand decided to make the program a little snappy by giving comical melodies, which were enjoyed by all present.

The Traveling Salesmen Stag Party, Dutch Luch and Smoker, which is called for March 11th was discussed, and the members were given attendance cards, as they are expected to appear on that night at the luncheon with a traveling salesman friend, the meeting being held to encourage good fellowship between the citizen and these traveling salesmen that they may have a bigger and better opinion of Lubbock.

President of the Chamber of Commerce Rix pointed out that the seventy-five salesmen who travel from here are a great body of boosters, and said it was his opinion that we do not all realize the importance of these men making their homes here. He stated that it was his opinion that the people here would be overjoyed to know that a factory would be located here, and yet these men constitute a more progressive citizenship, spend a bigger salary in Lubbock, and in half a dozen ways overdo the average factory-worker as a town booster. We are for this stag party for the nomadic brethren, and hope they will turn out in great numbers. Large letters on the cards urge the salesmen to shape their routes to be in Lubbock on March 11, the evening the banquet will be given, and we believe a great crowd will be here. Back, boost, boom and create a lot of interest in this meeting, and be sure to have your traveling salesman friend to be your guest on that occasion.

Let's go!

KIDDIES OF LUBBOCK ARE FURNISHING MEETING PLACE

What will they do next, that free hearted Chamber of Commerce bunch? No telling, but we will tell their latest act.

They contracted for the frame building just south of the Long-Hell Lumber Co. where the boys' and girls' booster band can meet to practice, and where the local boy scouts may hold their weekly pow wows, and any other use the youngsters of Lubbock might see fit to use it.

The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce is alive to the needs of the town, and always awake and ready to accomplish these deeds. If you are a good citizen of Lubbock, prove it by backing the Chamber of Commerce.